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## POST OFFICE BURGLARS HAVE THEIR TROUBLE FOR NOTHING

Sierra Madre had a real post office burglary Tuesday night. The palatial quarters which have served as Uncle Sam's place of business for several years past were entered by one or more bold bad men and ransacked from top to bottom. Every department of the post office establishment was entered and searched. But Postmaster Dickson assured the excited populace after an inspection on Wednesday morning that the work of the burglars would hardly cripple Uncle Sam financially. In fact what they got away with closely approached nothing at all. But it was a post office burglary and was accorded all the interest due such an exciting event.

The burglar was hardly what could be called an expert. In fact his work showed traces of carelessness in covering his tracks. He made his entrance into the building through a transom over the south door of the Central market quarters he climbed through a ventilating window which opens into the post office lobby, taking a large meat cleaver along for a "jimmy," marks on the furniture showed that he tried to pry open the stamp and money order windows. Failing to gain entrance there he attacked the door to the postmaster's quarters. Judging from the looks of the door he must

have made enough racket to have been heard a block or more, for it was badly broken as if by heavy blows. The cleaver was damaged almost as badly as the door.

Having reached the place he sought Mr. Burglar made a thorough search of the drawers beneath the money order and stamp windows, finding little and taking nothing. He opened some registered packages which were found, and seemed careful to place everything he touched upon the floor, so that Miss Olsen, the office assistant, was greeted by an untidy sight when she unlocked the office in the morning that kept her nervous all day.

Either going or coming the burglar visited Welsher's cigar case and took a few smokes. He made his exit by the rear door of the grocery. Time was when no one but Uncle Sam's detectives would have cared if a burglar had carried off the whole post office. That feat would have been difficult less on account of the size of the quarters than because of their being attached to a rather large building. But it will not be long before Postmaster Dickson will be doing Uncle Sam's business in the new quarters which will be about as safe as a bank. Failing to gain entrance there the burglars may be tempted to come next door and carry off the editor's safe full of gold bonds and things.

## UNDER FALSE COLORS

RACETRACK GAMBLING MEASURE IS NOT WHAT ITS BACKERS CLAIM IT TO BE

By Franklin Hichborn  
James H. Barry, editor of the San Francisco Star, in the issue of September 14 tells how he was tricked into signing the petition to have the bill to legalize racetrack gambling submitted to the people of California.

When Mr. Barry went to register, he was asked to sign the petition on the ground that it was to prevent racetrack gambling.

With this understanding, Mr. Barry signed gladly, and got others to sign. Later on he learned that he had signed a petition to give the racetrack gamblers opportunity to resume operations. Of the incident, Mr. Barry says in The Star:

"We signed this initiative petition, and we did so under the supposition that the bill was what it purported to be, a throttle for gambling in California. It appears, however, that there is a 'bug' in the measure, and that it really was designed to foster racetrack gambling in this state."

Barry's friends are inclined to regard the incident as a good joke on Barry, for Barry and Barry's paper have for years been uncompromisingly against the racetrack gamblers.

It is a joke—if a piece of deception, misrepresentation and trickery can be regarded as joking.

### Not An Exceptional Case

And Barry is not the only citizen who helped put the gambling bill on the ballot in the belief that he was supporting an anti-gambling measure. Hundreds were, in the same manner, tricked into signing the petition.

And casual reading of the bill convinces the average person that it is, as the gamblers pretend it to be, a measure to prevent racetrack gambling, when its real purpose is to restore the evil in California.

By the same trickery by which the necessary signatures were secured to have the bill submitted to the voters, the gamblers hope to secure favorable action upon it.

The gamblers and their supporters will all vote for the gambling bill for what it is. But these cannot muster the necessary votes to restore racetrack gambling in California. Honest men and women who oppose racetrack gambling must be tricked into voting for the gambling law or it cannot be carried.

The gamblers hope to get these men and women to vote for their measure, just as they got Editor Barry to sign for it, namely, by representing it to be what it is not.

The bill has been worded to make its purpose appear to be to suppress racetrack gambling; the title by which it goes on the ballot declares the measure an act to prohibit pool-selling and book-making. And yet, under its provisions, racetrack gambling will be revived in California. And for such is the measure intended.

### All Must Vote

Under the Initiative Amendment to the state constitution a majority of the vote cast for an initiated measure makes it a law. The gambling element will vote for the initiated law and work for it.

Opponents of racetrack gambling must cast more votes against the gambling law than the gamblers succeed in securing for it, or racetrack gambling will be established in California by vote of the people.

The gamblers, with millions at stake, regard the passage of this

## FALL FLOWER SHOW

ANNUAL CHRYSANTHEMUM FETE TO BE HELD OCTOBER 25 AND 26 THIS YEAR

The annual Chrysanthemum Fete under the auspices of the Woman's Club will be held this year on Friday and Saturday, October 25 and 26, at the club house. This fall flower show bids fair to outclass that of last year, and all who saw that one declared there was "some class" on that occasion too. The magnificent display on that occasion has been a powerful stimulus to chrysanthemum lovers and several of Sierra Madre's most expert growers have taken especial pains to procure the finest varieties obtainable with the hope of producing the most magnificent blooms.

Exhibits will not be confined entirely to chrysanthemums. There will be some particularly fine showings of late dahlias, which were not seen at the fete last year. Other fall flowers will

also be found. Attractive music is planned for the two days of the fete which will be one of the important social events of the season. Further announcement regarding the program will be made later.

### PHYSICIANS JOIN FORCES

Dr. R. H. Mackerras has associated with himself in his Sierra Madre practice Dr. Albert O. Holmes who comes to Sierra Madre from Long Beach. Dr. Holmes will reside in Sierra Madre at their offices on West Central. Increasing demands upon his time by his Los Angeles practice made it impossible for Dr. Mackerras to devote the necessary time to his Sierra Madre practice, hence the necessity for assistance. Dr. Holmes is a graduate of the medical school of the University of California and has had hospital experience at the County Hospital in Los Angeles. Dr. Mackerras will continue to visit Sierra Madre three days each week. His new Los Angeles offices are in the Los Angeles Investment Building at Eighth and Broadway.

## SURPRISES IN STORE FOR NEWS BICYCLE CONTEST

Contestants who are working for the two bicycles and other prizes offered by The News, have a great chance to boost their standing during the coming week. As told in the accompanying contest announcement, a special prize of 5000 points will be given the one who brings in the greatest number of new names for The News subscription list before next Thursday evening.

Now 5000 points would give any of the boys a great big boost toward the top of the column. All the contestants will have equal opportunities to win this special prize, no matter what is their present standing in the list. The award will be made for the largest number of new names secured, regardless of the number of years for which each may subscribe. But each one

must be paid up for at least one year, to count toward the special prize.

It should be remembered by the contestants that the new subscriptions count for more points than do the old ones and it is to their advantage to secure as many new names as possible, even without regard to the special prize offered for next week's work. The winner of this special prize will be announced in next week's News.

Many people in Sierra Madre subscribe regularly for The News to be sent to friends or relatives living in other parts of the country. They send it as a means of informing their friends of happenings here and to give them an idea of the character of the community as a place of residence. Probably there are others who would like to do likewise to the one they are already taking. These of course would count as new subscriptions and points voted for any of the contestants accordingly.

### Contest Keeps Warm

The opening of school this week has not prevented considerable work being done by the boys. William Seeley has entered his name and climbed into fifth place already. Otherwise there have been no changes in the standing of the boys since last Friday. The boys have secured a large number of pledges of subscriptions which have not yet been reported to The News office and voted.

Some subscribers have come into the office during the week and made payments, voting their points for the candidate of their choice. Others will undoubtedly do likewise as the contest proceeds further.

During the week circular letters have been sent to all those subscribers who are not paid up for some time in advance so they can know how their account stands if they wish to help any of the boys win a bicycle or other prize. Remittance can be made directly to The News or payments can be made to the boys and the regular subscription receipt will be mailed showing the period covered by the payment.

### Friends Aid Contestants

Some of the boys have enlisted friends in their aid and these are soliciting subscriptions. If others wish to assist in this way they will be supplied with the receipt books and voting coupons and with sample copies of The News if they wish.

Announcement of the closing date of the contest will be made in next week's News. In the meantime the wise contestants will keep up the good work of rolling up the score.

There is plenty of work to be done yet, as is shown by the remark of a gentleman who came into The News office a few days ago. He said:

"I have not given my subscription to anyone yet, and I have not yet made up my mind which one I want to help. I think I'll just watch things a little while yet and see who is working hard enough to deserve a good prize."

This man's remark shows just the sort of interest that has been expressed by a great many grown people. If any of the boys think the ground has been all covered they are greatly mistaken. Judging by remarks that have been made in the editor's hearing there are a good many others of that same kind.

### CITY TRUSTEES MEET

Last night's meeting of the city trustees was brief, owing to the fact that Trustees Gray, Steinberger and Tarr were the only members present. In the absence of Chairman Jones, who is attending the municipal league convention in Berkeley, Trustee Steinberger was chosen chairman pro tem. Messrs. Farman, Cowles and others presented a petition bearing 113 names asking that the action of the board looking to the abolishment of pool rooms in Sierra Madre be reconsidered. After listening to a few remarks on the subject the board heard the second reading of Ordinance No. 162 prohibiting pool rooms. After giving it some further consideration they decided that the best interests of the community would be subserved by the passage of the ordinance which they proceeded to effect. The absent members of the board voted for it on the first reading. Other business was deferred to a later meeting, when all members of the board can be present.

### PICTURE SHOW DRAWS CROWDS

Sierra Madre's first moving picture show is attracting large crowds, the third exhibition having been given last night to two audiences of good size. The first performance last Friday evening was greeted with a packed house, which was repeated Tuesday evening. Hereafter the shows will be given regularly on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings. Two programs are given, at seven and at eight-twenty. Musical numbers were given last evening by Miss Maybelle Caley and Mr. Edward Pelletier. The pictures as shown upon the screen are of large size and the light is so strong as to make them remarkably clear. For the most part the films are well chosen and the enterprise bids fair to score a success in every way, fully justifying the ladies of the Woman's Club in their venture.

# SPECIAL OFFER IN THE Bicycle Contest

To the contestant bringing in the largest number of new subscriptions to The News between now and 6 p. m. on Thursday, October 3, will be given a special prize of

## 5000 Points

These 5000 points will be in addition to the points calculated in the usual way. These new subscriptions must be for at least one year. The prize will be given for the greatest number of new names secured for The News subscription list. All contestants have equal chances to win this special prize, regardless of their present standing in the race.

## Standing of Contestants

The following are the boys who have entered the contest and the order in which they stood Thursday evening:

HAROLD CRAIG  
GEORGE WRIGHT  
GUY STEINBERGER  
CURTIS FLINT  
WILLIAM SEELEY  
GORDON BROOKS  
GIBSON BENADUM  
DICK RASMUSSEN

## Prizes Offered

Contestants will be allowed to take their choice from the following list of handsome prizes, in the order of standing at the close of the contest:

- Two Peerless Bicycles for boys or girls
- 1 Vest Pocket Kodak
- 1 Spaulding College Football
- 1 Spaulding "Lakeside" Tennis Racket
- 1 Brownie Folding Camera
- 1 Spaulding "Oval" Tennis Racket
- 1 "Radiopicon" Postcard Reflector

These are not toys but articles which grown people would be glad to own and use.

## How to Get a Prize

Points will be awarded for payments on subscription account as follows:

- 1 Year's Subscription, new..... 500 points
- 2 Years' Subscription, new..... 1500 points
- 3 Years' Subscription, new..... 2500 points
- 1 Year's Subscription, renewal..... 250 points

Subscriptions may be secured by contestants or their friends and brought to The News office, or payment may be made direct at The News office and votes cast direct by the subscriber for the one they wish to help.

### SIERRA MADRE NEWS BICYCLE CONTEST FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS

Publisher of The News:

Herewith find \$..... on Subscription account.  
Please cast the number of votes to which this entitles me for

Old New

Signed.....

Points.....

Address.....

For convenience in voting the blank form printed above may be used. Boys and girls wishing to solicit subscriptions will be supplied with these forms if they will call at The News office.



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## THE PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER

The Board of Fifteen Freeholders appointed to prepare a draft of a new charter for Los Angeles County under the "home rule for counties" law, made their report early this week. The editor has not had time to give the completed document detailed study, but after watching the proceedings of the Board of Freeholders and inspecting the most important features of the charter he is inclined to favor its adoption.

The most radical departures from the present system may be summed up in the statement that the charter provides for the "short ballot" of which the News is heartily in favor. In short, the elective offices are important enough both in regard to powers and to salary to demand careful inspection of every candidate who offers himself. In addition the number of elective offices is reduced to a point where the voters will find it possible to give to every candidate the sort of inspection needed. All officers both elective and appointive are subject to the recall.

Five supervisors are provided for, to draw salaries of \$5,000 each, and to be elected by districts. The supervisors appoint all county officers other than those who are elective.

But three elective officers are provided in addition to the supervisors. They are the sheriff, district attorney and assessor.

The appointive officers include the auditor, board of education, civil service commission, coroner, county clerk, fish and game warden, health officer, horticultural commissioner, live stock inspector, probation officer, public administrator, public defender, purchasing agent, recorder, registrar of voters, road commissioner, superintendent of charities, superintendent of schools, surveyor, tax collector, treasurer and a few others less important. Their duties are enumerated.

All fees collected by county officers are to be paid to the county each month and a strict accounting made. Justices of the peace will be elective officers. Constables will be appointed by the sheriff from the civil service list, and will be ex-officio deputy sheriffs.

To offset the political opportunities presented by the creation of so many appointive officers the charter provides for wide application of the classified civil service system. A Civil Service Commission is provided for, with a chief examiner to be chosen competitively. All positions except the more important appointive positions and a very few chief deputies are required

to be filled from the eligible civil service lists. The article prescribing the duties and procedure of the Civil Service Commission is the longest in the charter.

Discrimination on account of sex is forbidden in the employment of persons for the service of the county except where sex actually disqualifies for the duties of the position to be filled.

Eight hours is prescribed as a day's work.

Officers and deputies in the legal departments are forbidden to engage in private law practice.

Consideration of various features of the charter will be taken up before the election. If the charter receives the favorable vote of the people of the county at the coming election it will take effect on the first Monday in June, 1913.

## FREE TEXT BOOKS

The state Progressive platform endorses the Free Text Book Amendment known as Assembly Amendment No. 3. Voters should not confuse this with the so-called "teachers' amendment," which is as undesirable as the other is excellent. Both provide for free text books, but it is in the methods that they differ. The assembly amendment provides for uniform state series to be published by the state. The other would permit each school district to select its own text books, presumably on the ground that the arithmetic and grammar needed in some districts differs from that which should be taught in other districts. It would be just the kind of a situation the text book companies revel in, for so long as the state is to pay the bills the local boards would be peculiarly subject to the persuasive arguments of the representatives of the book companies. In a state where such a large proportion is constantly moving about as in California it is difficult to see how the changing of text books with every move to a new district could fail to hinder the progress of the school pupils. By all means let us have free text books in the public schools. But let them be uniform over the state and keep the local school boards away from the influences of the text book publishers.

## DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER

Remember the last day for registering for the November election will be October 5, Saturday, one week from tomorrow. If you have not placed your name on the great register since January 1, 1912, you will have no one to blame but yourself if you are unable to cast a ballot at the presidential election on Tuesday, November 5.

## RAILROAD AIDS REPLANTING

The hundreds of thousands of dollars damage done by the inundation of farming lands because of the overflow of the Mississippi river has been recognized by the Atlantic Lines of the Southern Pacific Company and an appropriation has recently been made for the purpose of purchasing and distributing seeds and buds to the small farmers in that territory, thus enabling them to replant their crops and secure some returns from their lands. Many of these farmers had been practically ruined by the floods and the seed contributions have met with a hearty response and appreciation at the hands of the Louisiana farmers.

Subscription payments entitle old subscribers to vote in the school children's bicycle contest. Read about it on Page 1.

## Six Rules to Observe to Prevent Disastrous Fires in the Mountains

## RULES TO PREVENT MOUNTAIN FIRES

Precautions of the simplest kind would eliminate most of the loss resulting from forest fires, as shown by reports on the causes of the fires in the reserves last season.

Much could be accomplished by observance of the following six simple rules:

1. Be sure your match is out before you throw it away.
2. Knock out your pipe ashes or throw away your cigar or cigarette stump where there is nothing to catch fire.
3. Don't build a camp fire any larger than is absolutely necessary. Never leave it even for a short time without putting it OUT with water or dirt.
4. Don't build a camp fire against a tree or a log. Build a small one where you can scrape away the needles, leaves or grass from all sides of it.
5. If you discover a fire, put it out if possible; if you can't put it out, get word to the nearest U. S. forest ranger or state fire warden just as quickly as you possibly can.

## YAW CONCERT POSTPONED

Owing to the illness of Mr. Franklin Cannon, the accompanist, the concert which was to have been given by Ellen Beach Yaw on Wednesday night was postponed until Monday evening, October 7. Mr. Cannon's illness prevented him making the trip from New York for the Southern California engagements as soon as planned. The fact that he is recognized as one of the foremost accompanists in America will undoubtedly make him worth waiting for, rather than have Miss Yaw accompanied by a less proficient artist.

## IRRIGATION CONGRESS

President Tarr of the Board of Trade received an invitation to have the board represented at the twentieth National Irrigation Congress to be held in Salt Lake City, September 30 to October 3. The congress will consider topics dealing with irrigation, land laws, water and water rights, forestry, country life and other interesting matters. If any resident of Sierra Madre can arrange to go to the congress or will happen to be in that vicinity at the time President Tarr would be glad to appoint him as a delegate.

The News liner column is growing. Pretty good proof that it pays those who use it.

## ORDINANCE NO. 162

An Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre prohibiting pool rooms and billiard halls, and repealing ordinance No. 10 of said City.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to establish, maintain or conduct the business of a pool room or billiard hall within the City of Sierra Madre.

SECTION 2. Any person, firm or corporation violating this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine not exceeding Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 3. Ordinance No. 10 of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published once in the Sierra Madre News, a weekly newspaper published and circulated in the said City of Sierra Madre, and hereby designated for that purpose.

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre held on the 26th day of September, 1912, by the affirmative vote of at least three (3) Trustees.

Ayes: Trustees, Steinberger, Tarr and Gray.

Noes: None.  
Absent: Trustees Jones and Pegler.  
Signed and approved this 26th day of September, 1912.

L. E. STEINBERGER,  
President Pro Tem Board of Trustees.  
Attest: C. H. PERRY,  
City Clerk.

[Seal]

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